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OF

ROBERT BRAND.

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TRUSSES.  
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**BRAND'S SPECIFICATION.**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, ROBERT BRAND, of Long Acre, Truss Maker, send greeting.

WHEREAS His present most Excellent Majesty King George the Third, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Tenth day of August, in the eleventh year of His reign, did give and grant unto me, the said Robert Brand, His especial licence, full power, sole privilege and authority, that I, the said Robert Brand, during the term of years therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England, the Dominion  
10 of Wales, and Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and also in His Majesty's Plantations and Colonies abroad, my Invention of "A NEW INSTRUMENT OR MACHINE, WHICH I CALL A TRAVERSE ELASTICK TRUSS OR BANDAGE, FOR THE RELIEF OF PERSONS OF EITHER SEX OR ANY AGE WHO ARE AFFLICTED WITH RUPTURES EITHER IN THE GROIN OR NAVEL, AND WHICH IS OF GREATER RELIEF TO ANY PERSON AFFLICTED WITH  
15 SUCH DISORDERS, AND SITS WITH GREATER EASE ON THE PATIENT, AND GREATLY VARIES FROM ANY INSTRUMENT OR MACHINE HITHERTO INVENTED FOR THAT DISORDER;" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the said Robert Brand, under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be  
20 inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within four calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent, as in and



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by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

**NOW KNOW YE**, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Robert Brand, do hereby declare that my said Invention of a New Instrument or Machine, which I call a Traverse Elastick Truss or Bandage, for the Relief 5 of Persons of either Sex or any Age who are afflicted with Ruptures either in the Groin or Navel, and which is of greater Relief to any Person Afflicted with such Disorders, and sits with greater Ease on the Patient, and greatly varies from any Instrument or Machine hitherto invented for that Disorder, is performed in the manner following (that is to say):— 10

The materials of the traverse elastick truss and traverse elastick navel bandage, which are made of steel, are both hardened by being first made red hot in a clear fire; then they are dropt into cold water, which chills them, and hardens them harder than a flintstone. They are then taken and holden over the same fire till the fire takes off the half of that degree of 15 hardness they before had, which hardness is taken from them by the heat of the fire, and which may be known by the trial of filing them with a file, which will cut or diminish them; before they were put over the fire, the file would have no more impression on them than it would on a flintstone. Then they are rivetted to their proper cushion plates, which are of iron. That for the groin 20 rupture the cushion is composed of cork, covered with flannel and leather; and that for the navel rupture, after the two springs are fixed to a small piece of iron, then that iron is affixed to a piece of bend leather, which is covered with shammy leather, which is the cushion of that bandage, and then it is also compleat as the other. 25

In witness whereof, I, the said Robert Brand, have hereunto sett my hand and seal, the Twenty-ninth day of November, in the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand 30 seven hundred and seventy-one.

ROBERT BRAND. (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, and delivered (being first duly stampd), in the presence of,

JN<sup>o</sup> W. BONYTHON.

JACOB BANNISTER.

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AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the aforesaid Twenty-ninth day of November, in the year above said, the aforesaid Robert Brand came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Specification of his Invention aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and 5 specified, in form above written. And also the Specification aforesaid was stampd according to the tenor of the Statute made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King and Queen William and Mary of England, and so forth.

T. ANGUSH.

Inrolled the same Twenty-ninth day of November, in the year aboves<sup>d</sup>.

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